

CT-58

PARRANS PARK

ea. 19th. c.

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Parran's Park

The site of Parrans Park has been so well cleared that even its potential archeological value is dubious.

No additional historical information has been gathered, however, a copy of a HABS photograph has been obtained which is supposed to be of the building which stood on this site. Mrs. Betty Briscoe doubts that this site was actually Parran's Park but she agrees that this is a photograph of the house which stood on the site identified as CLVT-58.

HABS has no information other than identifying the photo as "Goldstein House".

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Parran's Park

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Property, Nursery Road

CITY, TOWN

Lusby

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Calvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Baltimore Gas and Electric

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lusby

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: JLB 90

Folio #: 532

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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7 DESCRIPTION

CT-58

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Nothing can be done to save Parran's Park, but in its present condition it makes an interesting study of the construction of an 18th century house.

BARN

Although the house known as "Parran's Park" has been destroyed it is survived by a much altered tobacco barn. HABS has in its collection a photograph of a house in deteriorated condition identified as "Goldstein House" that has been identified by locals as "Parran's Park".

Inside of the large structure that now houses equipment and offices for BG&E is the frame of an unusual eleven room tobacco barn. It is a post-and-beam frame utilizing both hewn and pit-sawn timbers that are joined via mortise-tenon and trunnels. The angle braces are joined to the sills and uprights with open-faced dove-tails and trunnels. There is two inch studding indicative of clapboard siding. The south shed is an addition; riven roof shingles still remain on the southwest corner. They are attached with what appear to be early cut-nails.

An interesting feature of this barn is the door in the south side. This door has been trimmed with beaded moulding containing early cut-nails. Tobacco barns seldom receive decoration and this beaded trim is a most interesting oddity.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was destroyed by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company in 1972. Judging from previous descriptions, the early section may have been an 18th century house. There is some local debate over whether this house stood on the tract "Parran's Park."

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE HABS photo: "Goldstein House"
Calvert County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY House description by Paul Brinkman, 1967. Barn description
by Wayne Nield, 1977. Form compiled by:

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

August 1978

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Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

MD
STATE

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
OPEN TO PUBLIC NO			
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
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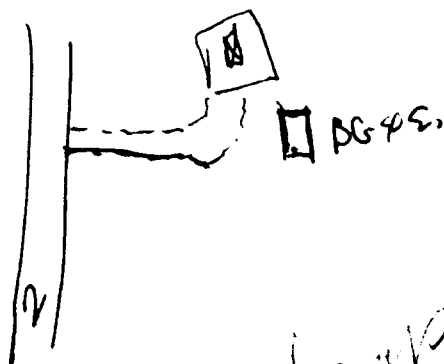
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Paran's Park -

torn down 5/72
by B6 & E

pic - shell alg -
river: B G & E.

house faces W.



Bay Brookcamp

Paran's Park

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long location is given by
Tax assessor - Calvert Co. Ct. use
P. Fred.

on Nuclear Power Plant land

PARRANS PARK TOBACCO BARN
(Interim Description)
Calvert Cliffs

c.1840-60

Heavily constructed, box-framed tobacco barn measuring approximately 44 ft. by 24 ft. The barn is constructed with 4 ft. rooms assembled in three 12 ft. bays and one 8 ft. bay. The end bays are long to provide room for the angle braces, while the central bays are short to stiffen this part of the wall (the third 12 ft. bay is reinforced by the heavy door post) creating a post pattern comparable to Hall Farm tobacco barn no. 1 at Tracy's Corner, Anne Arundle County.

Of the timber observed, the sills, and corner and door posts are hewn. The remaining scantlings--studs (3 3/4 inch by 2 3/4 inch), intermediate posts (3 3/4 inch by 6 inch), angle braces, and roof truss members are sawn--most pit sawn, but the board false plates may be reciprocal mill sawn.

In striking contrast to the sawn framing members are the crude, riven runners nailed to the inside of the studs to support the tobacco tier rails. While some are only short, heavy lath, others are crude boards of considerable length (13 ft. long by 5 inch wide by 1 inch maximum thickness). The two long runners preserved on the SE side were deftly split from an axe felled young tree. The swell of the stump is conspicuously visible. The tier rail supports are generously spaced (3 ft. 6 inch) for large tobacco. They pass in front of the thin (3 3/4 inch) intermediate posts.

At an early date, the SE side of the barn was shedded and the clapboard on this side replaced with riven lath. This shed has totally disappeared, and it has been replaced by an early 20th-century shed (pine pole rafters, circular sawn lumber). The evidence for an earlier shed consists of the 19th-century riven lath that divided it from the barn, original 19th-century barn shingles preserved under the roofs of the two generation of sheds, and notches on the exterior corner of the east barn corner post. Spaced at nominal 3 ft. vertical intervals, these diagonal notches seem to be the runner mortises for a vertically planked shed.

The barn was originally roofed with side-lapped shingles nailed to pit-sawn lath on 15 inch centers. The shingles--riven from oak or chestnut--are 19 inches long and from 4 to 4 1/2 inches wide. They were exposed 3 to 3 1/2 inches to the weather. These appear to be the original covering of the barn as there are no nail holes for an earlier set of the shingles. They are fastened with mature, machine-cut, machine-headed nails. One shingle and two nails were collected and are on file at the St. Mary's City Commission.

Of the original barn, only the roof and SE wall survive relatively intact. The other walls--apparently unprotected by sheds--have been extensively rebuilt. The present building is excellently maintained by Baltimore Gas and Electric as a farm and maintenance center.

INTERIO
SE WALL

JOISTS

Riven
Runners {

3'6"

3'6"

Removed Runner
(Nail Evidence) 2'5"

RAFTERS

4 FT RMS

False Plate
Plate

DOOR POST

FOUNDATION

CT-58A

Tobacco Barn

Approx. Scale 1" = 8 ft

0 8 16 FT

8 July 80
GWS

20TH-CENTURY SHED

PLAN

7 1/2 x 3 1/2" post notched
for early shed
runners

Riven lath

3 3/4" x 6"

DOOR

3'1"

AB →

← AB

6 1/2 x 6 1/2"

Modern Shed

OPEN

Traverse Tie-sill

MODERN

STORE

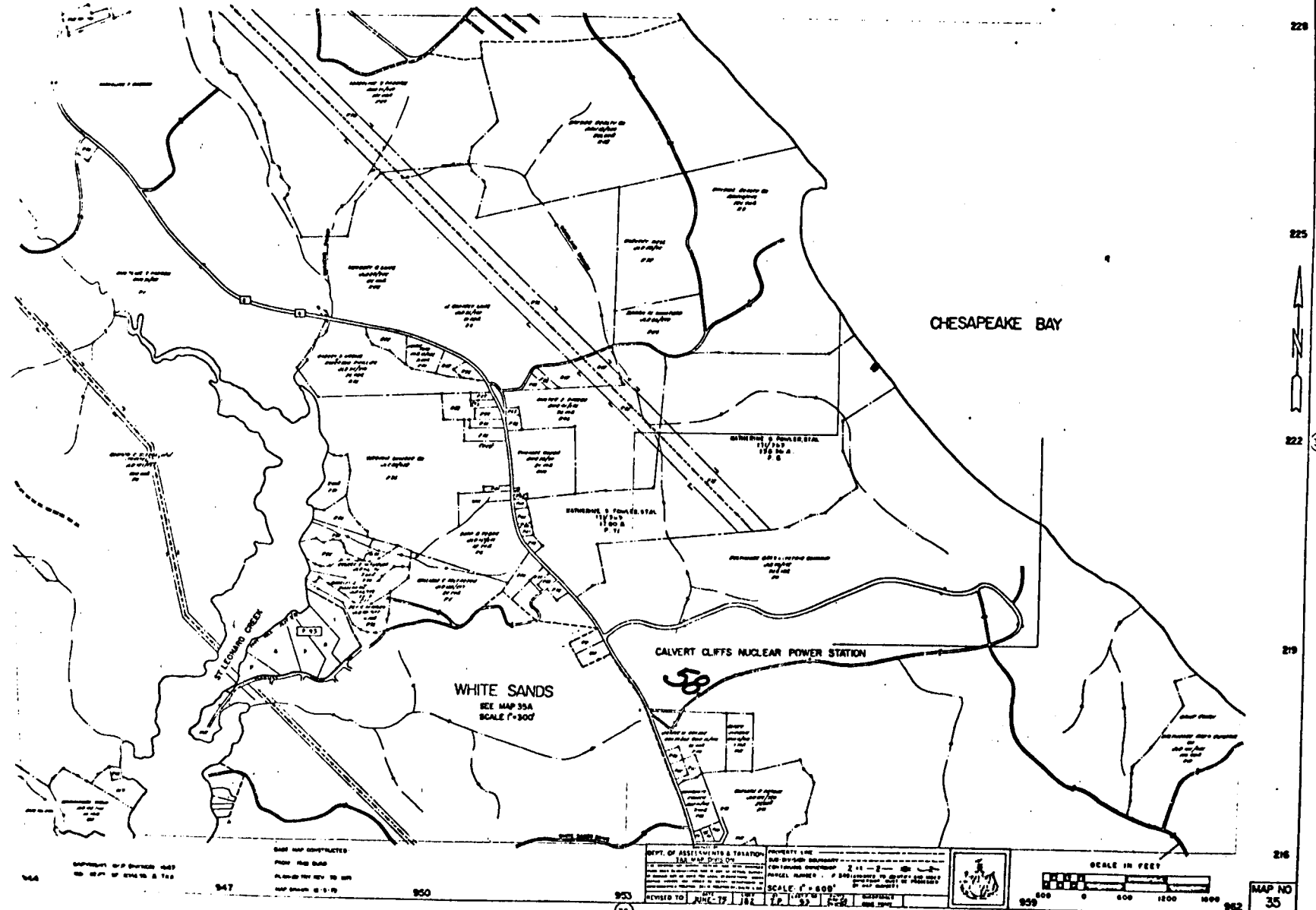
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Modern Office



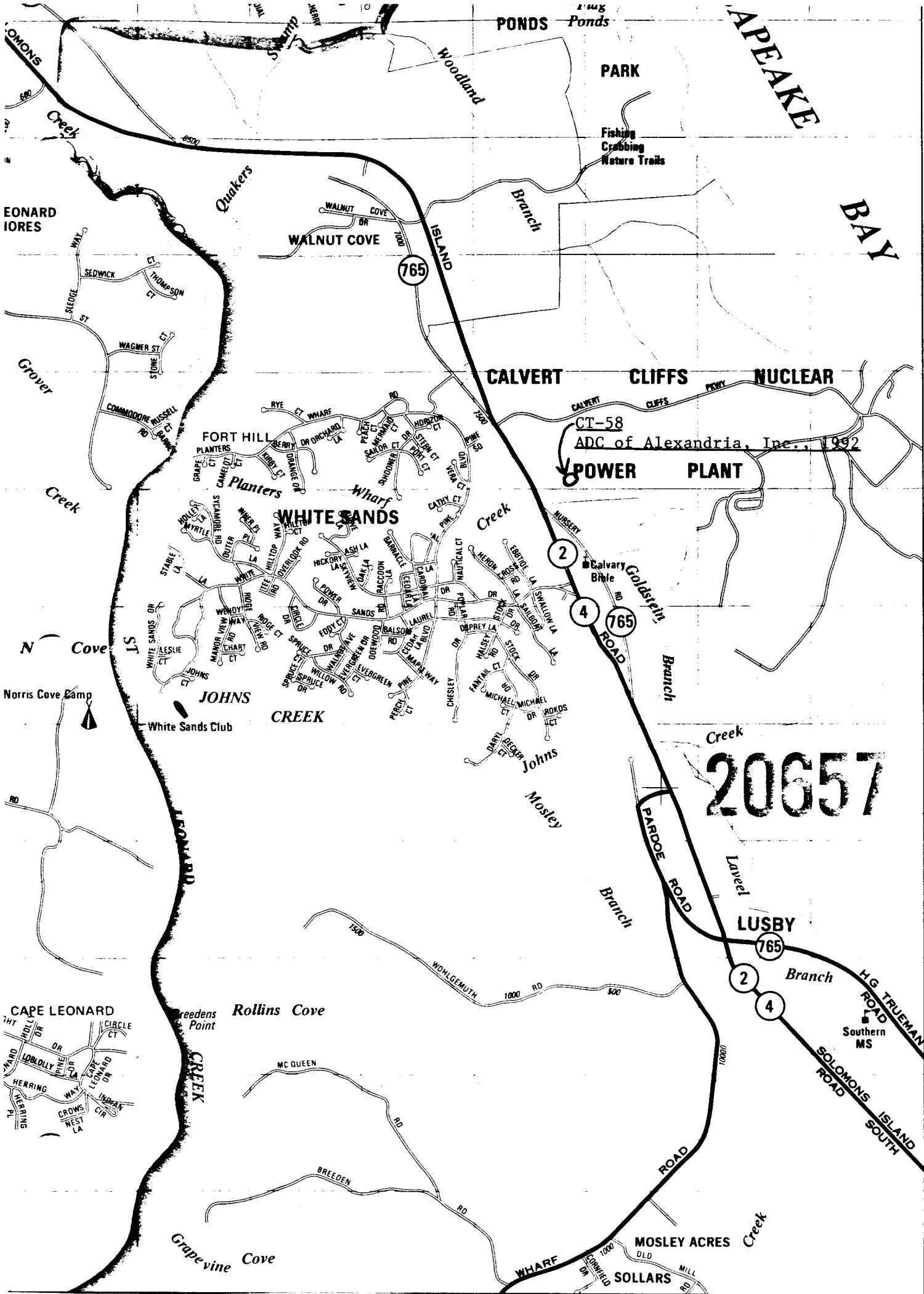
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Parram's Park Site



NOT TO SCALE

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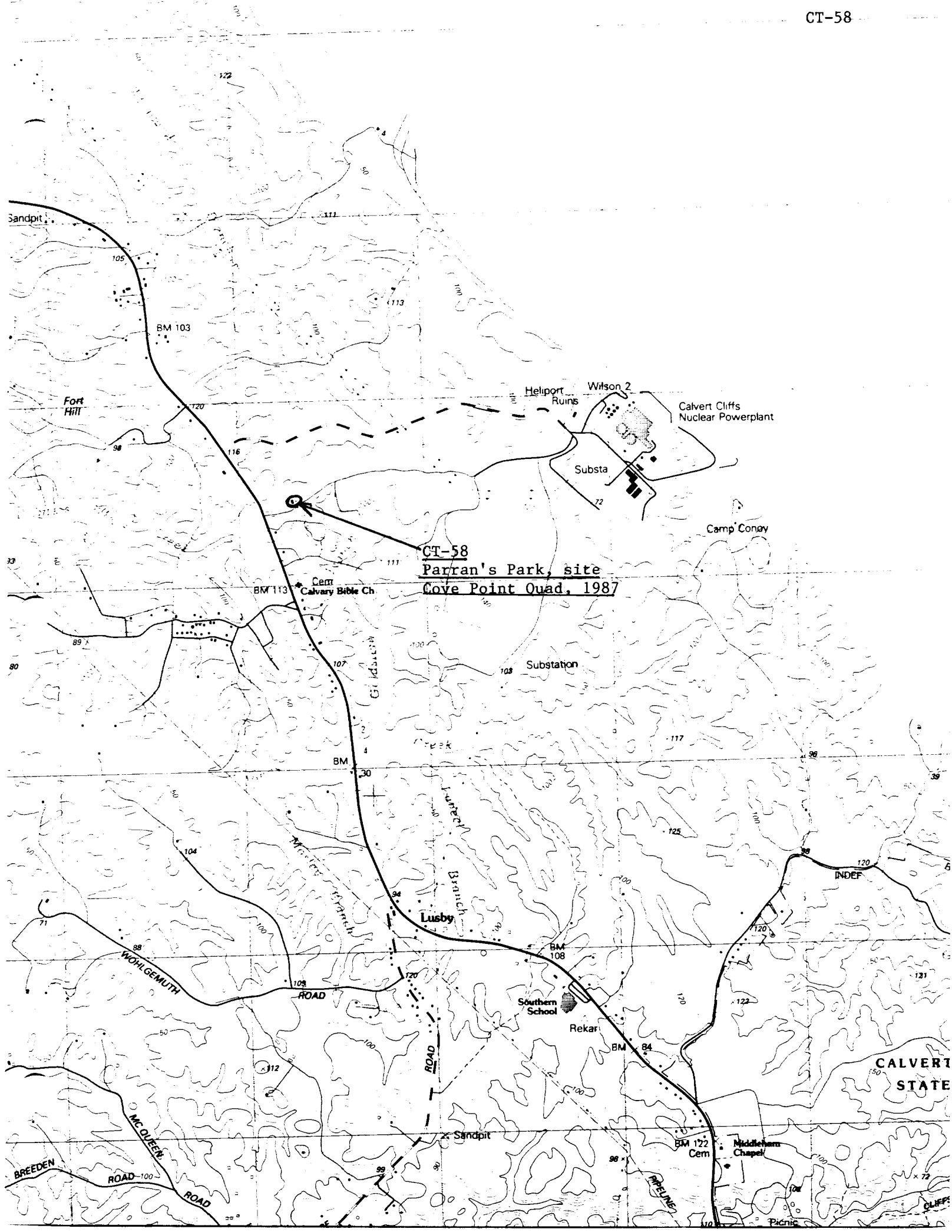


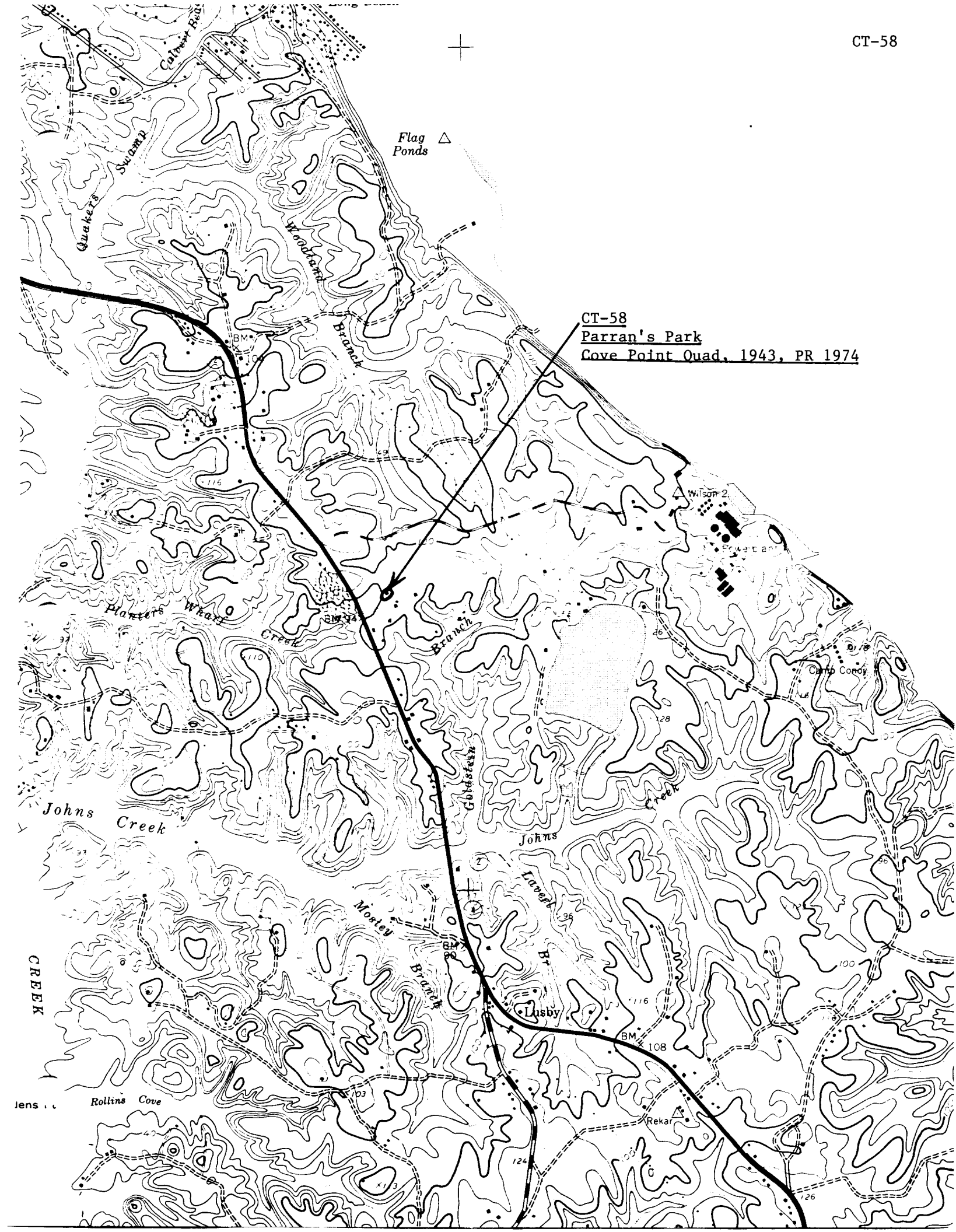
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38°25'00"

MD GRID 210,000 FT





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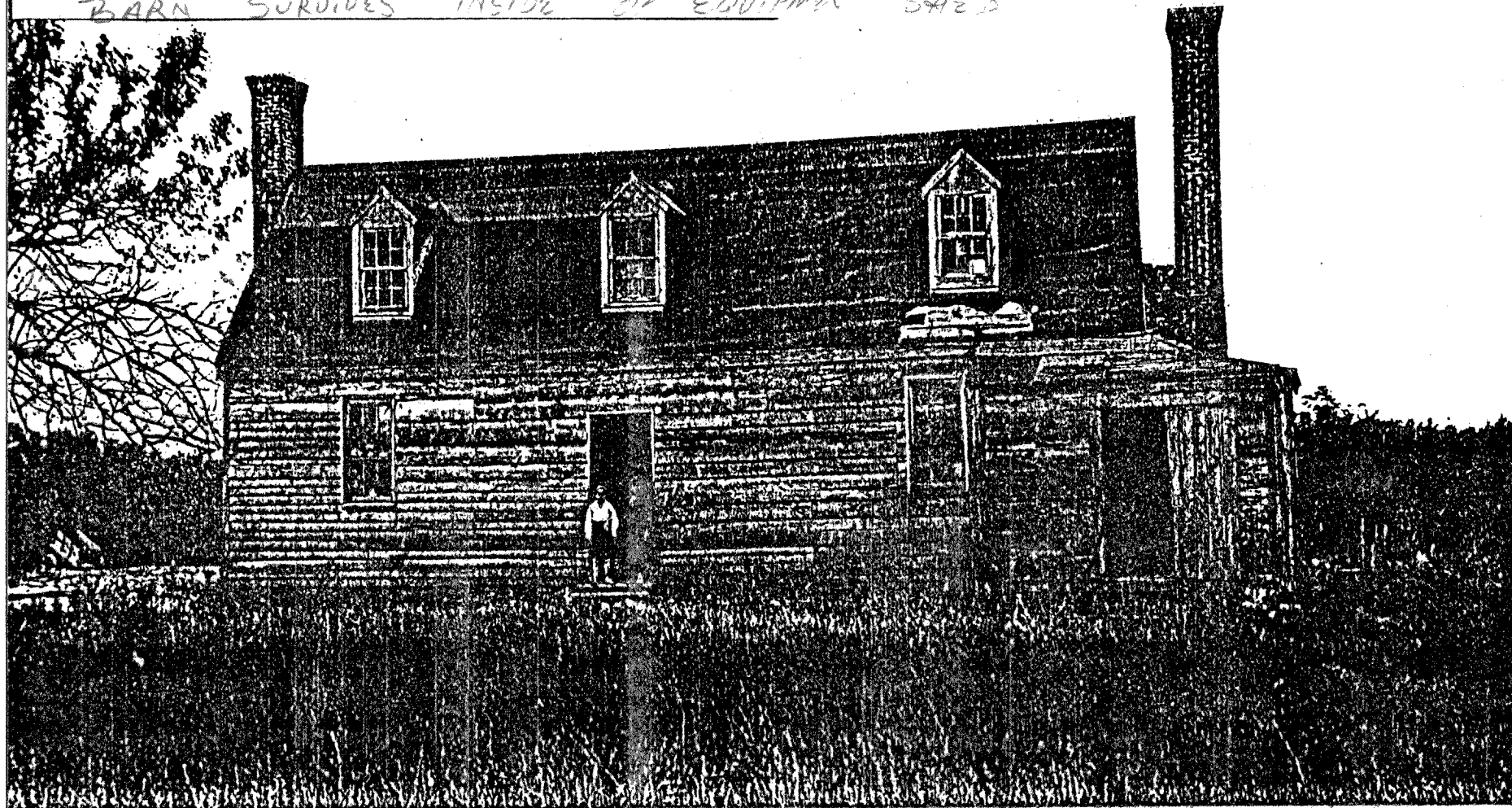
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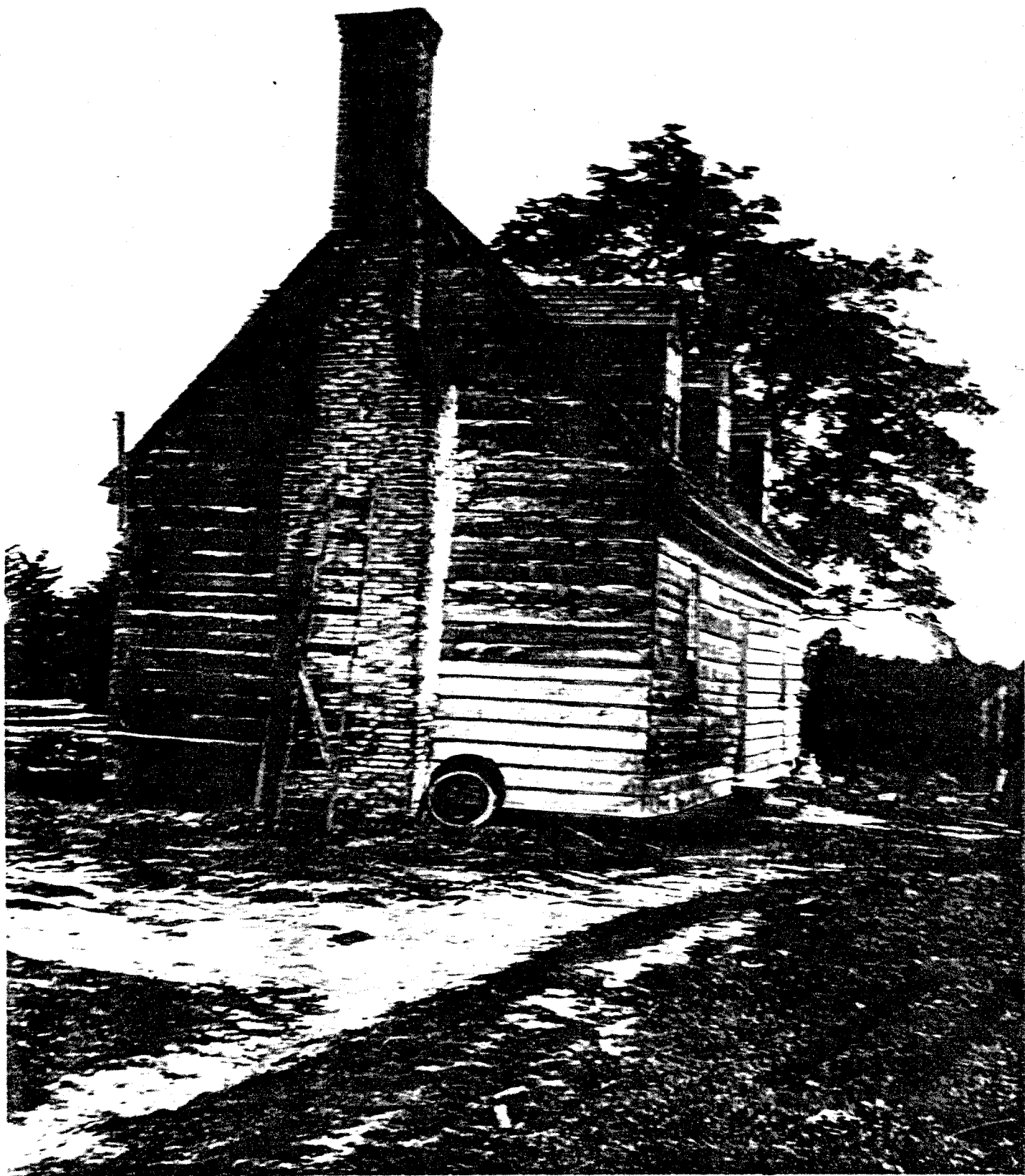
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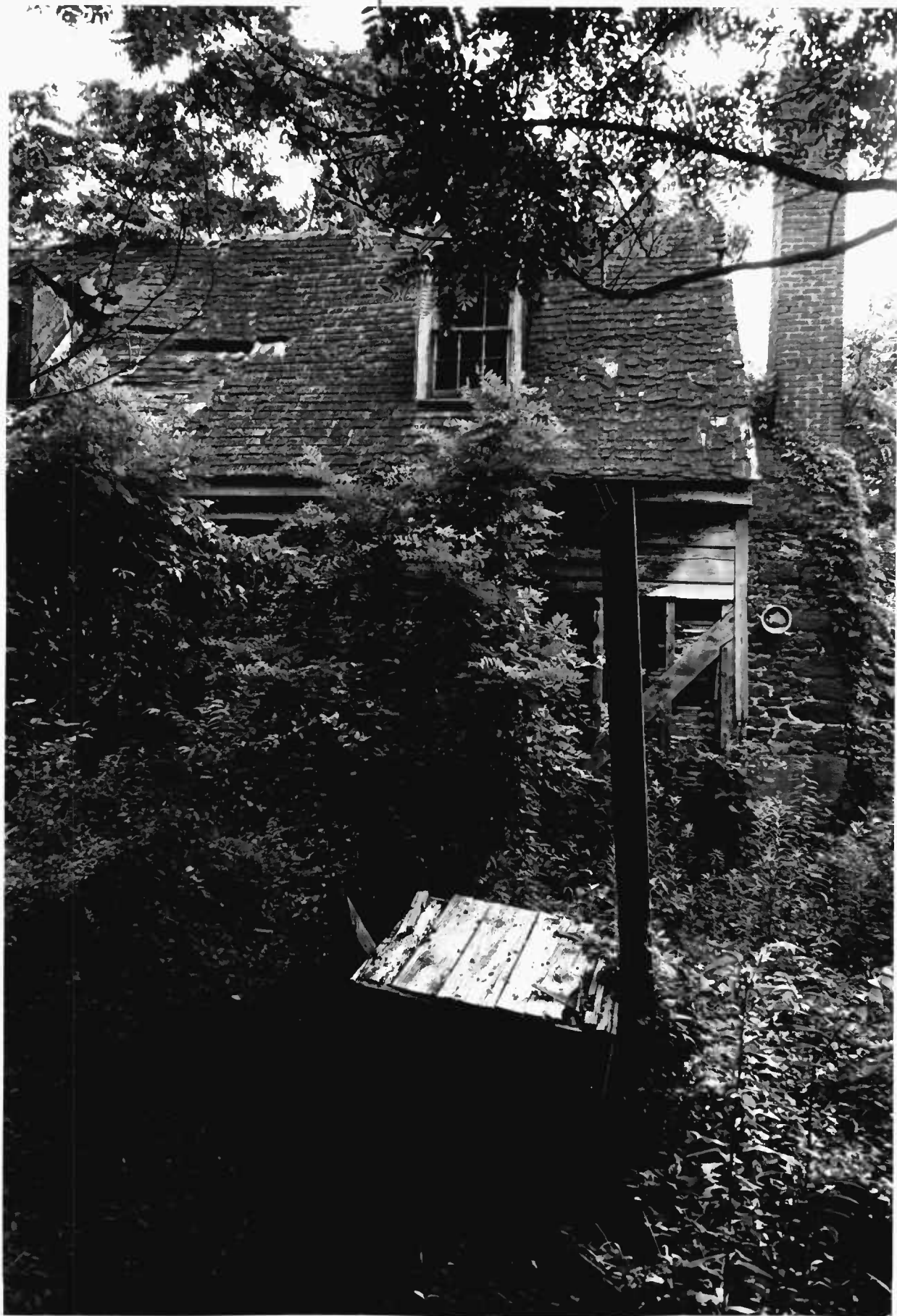
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BARN SURVIVES INSIDE OF EQUIPMENT SHED









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